



# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR COMMUNITIES (TASC)

Strong community turnout for the  
Newtown Creek project in Region 2.

FALL 2014

## Welcome to the first TASC update.

These regular reports will provide EPA staff and managers with quick snapshots of the TASC program in action – projects, financials, regional highlights. This first update covers June 2013 to September 2014.

Through an EPA contract, TASC provides communities with the technical help they need to come together, build local capacities and engage meaningfully in environmental decision-making. In this report, we highlight a TASC project making a difference in New York City.

### Project Highlight

**Newtown Creek, New York:** This 3.5-mile-long estuary in New York City is one of the nation's most polluted waterways. With field investigations for the site's cleanup ongoing, keeping the community involved and up to date is a priority. TASC helped the community form the Newtown Creek Community Advisory Group, and currently provides follow-up support services. TASC's goal is to help the group become completely self-sufficient as it continues to participate in the Superfund process.

#### Project Details

- Facilitation training helped the group identify community cleanup priorities and confirm the group's role in making recommendations to EPA on their priorities.
- Occasional support keeps the group on track while helping it maintain its independence.



(Source: Newtown Creek Alliance)

## June 2013 – September 2014 Projects

Through TASC, communities across the country are able to access many different kinds of technical assistance services.

**Region 2:** TASC helped EPA Region 2 better understand potential local interest in establishing a Community Advisory Group for a New Jersey community near an industrial facility. Projects in New York kept several communities and the St. Regis Tribe up to date on site investigations and cleanups.

**Region 3:** A review of site documents for the Ambler, Pennsylvania community provided key information related to a nearby asbestos cleanup.

**Region 4:** An innovative project in Birmingham, Alabama, supported the formation of the Northern Birmingham Coalition and the organization's efforts to develop an [action plan](#) and partnerships for addressing local environmental concerns and neighborhood revitalization.

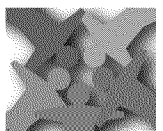
**Region 5:** TASC facilitated the formation of a Community Advisory Group to strengthen community involvement at five Superfund sites in Fridley, Minnesota. In Depue, Illinois, TASC helped the community understand a complex lead cleanup.

**Region 6:** A newsletter in English and Spanish kept the community in Leon Valley, Texas, up to date on activities at the Bandera Road Ground Water Plume Superfund site. TASC's review of the site's cleanup plan helped EPA address local concerns and priorities.

**Region 7:** Document reviews, [fact sheets](#) and community presentations in St. Louis, Missouri, helped people living near the West Lake Landfill understand the complex environmental issues at this facility that contains radiologically contaminated soils.

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## Projects Continued

**Region 9:** Recent TASC projects have provided communities in California and the Navajo Nation with needs assessments, [document reviews](#), translations, trainings and facilitation services. A recent Superfund job training event in Rialto, California, prepared 17 trainees for careers in environmental fields; several graduates are now in full-time positions.

**Region 10:** Educational outreach in Oregon and Washington helped communities learn about the cleanup of two vital cultural, economic and recreational resources, the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

To access TASC deliverables through the EPA intranet, please visit:  
<http://intranet.epa.gov/osrti/ard/ciob/tascdeliverables.html>

## TASC Contract Highlights

**Contract Number:** EP-W-13-015

**Prime Contractor:** Skeo Solutions

**Contract Period:** June 22, 2013 – June 21, 2020

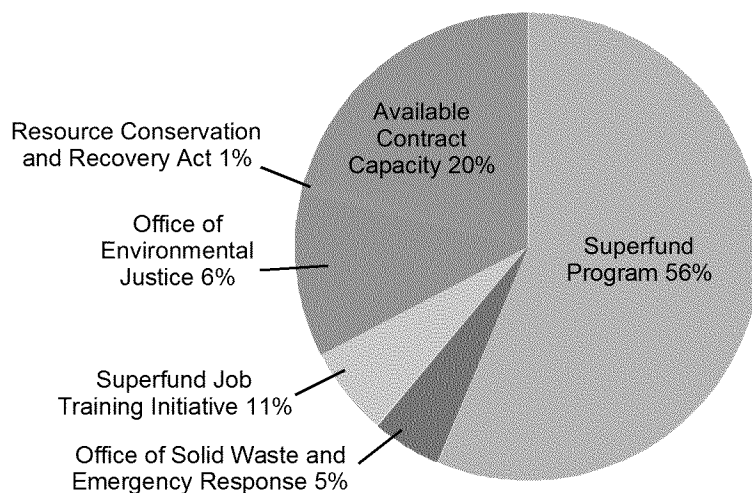
- Two-year base period (\$4.4 million); currently in second year (July 2014-June 2015)
- One-year option (\$2.2 million)
- Two-year option (\$4.7 million)
- Two-year award term-option (\$4.9 million)

Task order-based contract.

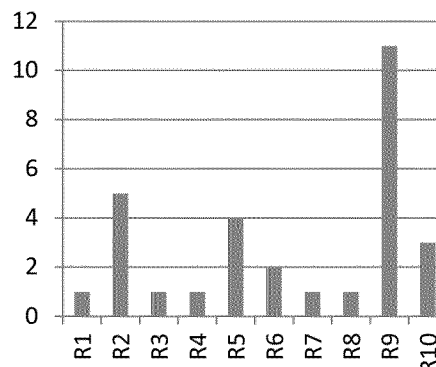
Available to all EPA programs (Headquarters and Regions).

**Performance Work Statement** – learn more about how TASC can support communities at: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tasc/pdfs/tasc-contract.pdf>.

## EPA Office/Program Contract Capacity During Two-Year Base, by EPA Offices and Programs (June 2013 to September 2014)



## Communities Supported by TASC, by EPA Region (June 2013 to September 2014)



The graphs on this page show allocations of TASC resources and the number of communities served by TASC for the first two years of the contract. Key takeaways include:

- TASC has provided support to communities nationwide, in all 10 Regions.
- Across EPA offices and programs, TASC made significant investments in community technical assistance in 2013 and 2014.
- Contract capacity is available in FY 2015.

To learn more about TASC services, scan this special code using a QR reader on your smartphone or visit <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tasc>.

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